

NWT Labour Force Activity - March 2014 -

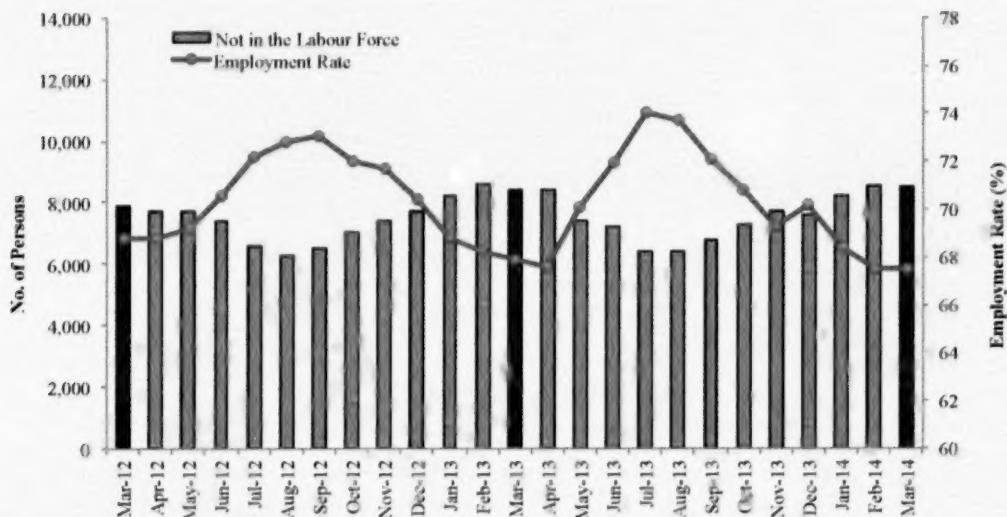
In March 2014, Statistics Canada estimates that 21,600 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories representing an employment rate of 67.5% (Table 1). Nationally, Canada's employment rate stood at 60.6%.

The March labour force activity showed a continued seasonal hibernation. Most of the March employment indicators were almost identical to those of the previous month, except for a slight increase in the participation rate. Total employment as well as the employment rate was same as in February, and these were the lowest in three years since December 2010.

Table 1 Monthly Highlights
Northwest Territories, March 2014

	Mar-14	Feb-14	Mar-13
Population	32,000	32,000	32,100
Labour Force	23,500	23,400	23,700
Employed	21,600	21,600	21,800
Unemployed	1,900	1,900	1,900
Not in Labour Force	8,500	8,500	8,400
Participation (%)	73.4	73.1	73.8
Employment (%)	67.5	67.5	67.9
Unemployment (%)	8.1	8.1	8.0

Figure 1 Employment Rates
Northwest Territories, 2012-2014



All key characteristics remained essentially the same since February. Employment figures for males/females as well as on ethnicity show only slight changes over the month. (Table 2)

Table 2 *Employment Rates by Key Characteristics
Northwest Territories*

	Mar-14		Feb-14		Jan-14	
	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)
Northwest Territories	21,600	67.5	21,600	67.5	21,900	68.4
15-24 Yrs.	3,000	46.2	3,000	46.2	2,900	44.6
25 Yrs. & Over	18,600	72.9	18,600	72.9	19,000	74.5
Males	11,600	69.9	11,500	69.3	11,600	69.9
Females	10,000	64.9	10,100	65.6	10,300	66.9
Aboriginal	7,700	52.7	7,600	52.4	7,800	53.4
Non-Aboriginal	14,000	80.5	14,000	80.5	14,000	80.9
Yellowknife	12,000	76.9	11,800	76.6	12,300	79.4
Other	9,700	59.1	9,800	59.0	9,600	58.2

There was a shift of about 400-500 employed persons from public sector to the private sector, and moreover, between March 2014 and March 2013, public employment decreased by 1,700, whereas self-employment increased by 800. There was a minor shift of employment from service producing to goods producing sectors, as well. The breakdown between full-time and part-time employment remained the same. Overall, over the last year, 200 fewer people were employed. (Table 3)

Table 3 *Monthly and Yearly Change in Employment by Selected Characteristics
Northwest Territories, March 2014*

	Mar-14	Feb-14	Mar-13	Feb-14 to Mar-14	Mar-13 to Mar-14
				Change (persons)	
Total Employment	21,600	21,600	21,800	-	(200)
Full-time	19,300	19,300	19,400	-	(100)
Part-time	2,300	2,300	2,400	-	(100)
Employees	19,500	19,500	20,500	-	(1,000)
Public	8,400	8,800	10,100	(400)	(1,700)
Private	11,200	10,700	10,400	500	800
Self-employment	2,100	2,100	1,300	-	800
Goods Producing	3,700	3,800	3,700	(100)	-
Service Producing	17,900	17,800	18,100	100	(200)

Table 4 presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

Table 4 **Labour Force Activity**
Northwest Territories

	Population 15 & Over	Labour Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Not in the Labour Force	Partici- pation Rate	Unemp- loyment Rate	Employ- ment Rate
Mar-14	32,000	23,500	21,600	1,900	8,500	73.4	8.1	67.5
Feb-14	32,000	23,400	21,600	1,900	8,500	73.1	8.1	67.5
Jan-14	32,000	23,800	21,900	1,900	8,200	74.4	8.0	68.4
Dec-13	31,900	24,400	22,400	2,000	7,600	76.5	8.2	70.2
Nov-13	31,900	24,200	22,100	2,100	7,700	75.9	8.7	69.3
Oct-13	31,900	24,000	22,600	2,000	7,300	77.1	8.1	70.8
Sep-13	31,900	25,100	23,000	2,100	6,800	78.7	8.4	72.1
Aug-13	31,900	25,500	23,500	2,000	6,400	79.9	7.8	73.7
Jul-13	31,900	25,500	23,600	1,900	6,400	79.9	7.5	74.0
Jun-13	32,000	24,800	23,000	1,800	7,200	77.5	7.3	71.9
May-13	32,100	24,700	22,500	2,200	7,400	76.9	8.9	70.1
Apr-13	32,100	23,700	21,700	2,000	8,400	73.8	8.4	67.6
Previous Years:								
Mar-13	32,100	23,700	21,800	1,900	8,400	73.8	8.0	67.9
Mar-12	32,100	24,200	22,100	2,100	7,900	75.4	8.7	68.3
Mar-11	32,100	23,800	22,200	1,500	8,400	74.1	6.3	69.2
Mar-10	32,200	22,200	20,500	1,800	10,000	68.9	8.1	63.7
Mar-09	32,100	23,000	21,900	1,100	9,100	71.7	4.8	68.2
Mar-08	32,000	24,000	22,500	1,500	8,000	75.0	6.3	70.3
Mar-07	31,500	24,800	23,800	1,000	6,700	78.7	4.0	75.6
Mar-06	31,200	24,200	23,100	1,100	7,000	77.6	4.5	74.0
Mar-05	31,200	24,100	22,800	1,300	7,100	77.2	5.4	73.1
Mar-04	30,800	22,900	21,500	1,300	7,900	74.4	5.7	69.8

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national labour force survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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